

PROHIBITION

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Chicago, June 17.—Senator W. G. Harding and Governor Coolidge, nominees of the republican national convention, have been requested to state their stand on prohibition, according to an announcement made tonight by Virgil G. Minshaw, chairman of the prohibition national committee. A telegram, he said, was sent to each yesterday reading as follows:

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RAISING FUND TO SEARCH FOR BABY BLAKEY COUGHLIN

Norristown, Pa., June 17.—A large fund which is hoped, will be raised by friends of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Coughlin to conduct a nationwide search for their 13-month-old son, who was kidnapped June 2, and for the apprehension of the kidnappers. Three Norristown men announced tonight they would contribute \$4,000 each to the fund and other persons subscribed smaller amounts. It is planned to offer a large reward for the return of the child and to employ a big force of detectives in an effort to run down the abductors.

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CABLED PARAGRAPHS

No Protest from America.
London, June 17.—Robert Underwood Johnson, the American ambassador to Italy, was in attendance at the allied conference in San Remo when the decision was taken to enter into commercial relations with Russia, and no protest from this connection has been received from the American government.

TESTIMONY IN TRIAL OF JOHN MCKENRY OF NEW LONDON

Washington, June 17.—Witnesses from New England offered additional testimony today at the trial of John McKenry of New London, Conn., charged with the murder of Detective Sergeant James R. Armstrong while attempting to rob a garage here. Efforts were made by the government to show that the youth was sane, testimony yesterday having been to the effect that the alleged slayer was irresponsible.

Dr. E. S. Whitten, of Maine, chairman of the National Committee on Prisons and Penal Labor, testified today that McKenry while in a prison in Maine had written to secure a parole saying that he wished to join the navy and fight for his country. The prisoner expressed the wish, Dr. Whitten said, to get into some branch of military service where there would be plenty of action.

MISS GRIFFY EXPLAINS RELATIONS WITH ELWELL

Lexington, Ky., June 17.—Anne Russell Griffy, daughter of Porty Griffy, of Versailles, Ky., prominent socially throughout the Blue Grass region, and who local police believe is the "Annie" mentioned by New York authorities in their announcement Tuesday night that detectives were coming here in connection with the murder of Joseph R. Elwell, made public today a statement explaining her relations with Elwell.

Miss Griffy said she first met Elwell at a social function here in Lexington, Ky., and that she saw him four times after that at entertainments. Elwell sent her flowers while she was in a hospital for an operation, the statement said, and she wrote a formal note of thanks to Elwell in New York.

It was not of thanks from Miss Griffy that the New York authorities, police here believe.

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White House officials said tonight that the president's measures together with the action on the water power bill, the time limit on which expired last Friday, might be revealed in a statement tomorrow.

Among the measures concerned were the joint resolutions to repeal all laws with the exception of the Levitt law, and to prohibit the use of the enemy act, and to authorize appointment of a commission to confer with the Canadian government relative to pulp wood exports from that country.

BOARD LIES AROUND DEM. CONVENTION HALL.
San Francisco, June 17.—Workmen began building today a substantial board around the Exposition Memorial auditorium to prevent any forced attempt to enter the building which will house the democratic national convention beginning June 28.

Inside the building, carpenters and painters are completing the work of making the auditorium ready for the convention.

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Wilson Welcomes Test L. of N. Vote

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New York, June 17.—President Wilson, in a personal interview given to the New York World to be published tomorrow, said he was "extremely confident that the democratic convention at San Francisco will welcome the acceptance by the republican party of any initiative to make the league of nations the issue in this campaign."

"I am even more confident," the president quoted as saying "that such referendum will confirm my faith that the American people desire it above anything else that a political party now may provide, and that they will condemn the republican policy of denying them the consummation of their hopes. No one will recommend a referendum on that issue more than I."

"I suppose I should feel flattered," he said "over being made the issue of the presidential campaign by the republican party. But the effort of the platform makers at Chicago to confer the distinction of being not only a burning but a living issue by camouflaging and obscuring the real issues will not deceive the people."

"The processes by which the Chicago platform was accomplished seemed to have been the murder of Joseph R. Elwell. Instead of quoting Washington and Lincoln, the republican platform should have quoted the words of the great American statesman, Andrew Jackson, who said: 'The republican attitude regarding the supreme issue that cannot be abandoned or disregarded strongly suggests that the republican party is in the hands of a small group of men who are determined to carry out the doctrines of those two eminent persons.'"

"Every charge directed against me," the president said, "has been designed to belittle and negative the paramount issue confronting the people of America, to before their sense of responsibility and to induce a sense of mystery which has assumed to be of small consequence. I sincerely believe that the attempt of the republican party to win the sanction of the American people by such a policy is doomed to failure."

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San Feiners Attack Police Barracks

Captured Two Constables and Withdrew After Two Hours' Fighting.

Cookstown Ireland June 17.—A hundred Sinn Feiners today attacked the police barracks here and drove the police to the upper part of the building. They captured two police constables and withdrew after two hours fighting.

Cookstown is a strong Tyrone nationalist center. Ulster volunteers were aroused by the gunfire and mobilized but were not asked to assist. The wretcheded siege of the barracks. One constable was severely wounded by fusillades by the Sinn Feiners from the ground floor into the police above.

Dungannon police later intercepted a motor lorry in which there was a man suffering from dizziness to a Madras road today, seeking to unravel the mystery which so far has baffled all inquiry.

Police and members of the district anti-racketeering bureau today said that they had captured two constables and a driver who claimed it had been told him by another and unnamed chauffeur who is alleged to have said he drove the couple.

According to Wagstaff's version of the story he said was told him, the second (taxi) driver waited outside the Elwell house, which was the couple's home, until a moment later the scream of a woman inside the house frightened him and he drove away without waiting to collect his fare.

The police are trying to trace a man and woman said to have been driven by Wagstaff himself long before dawn on the morning of Monday, June 7. The records of the taxicab company employing Wagstaff showed that a Mr. "Alvise" of Joseph B. Elwell's West 70th Street address telephoned for a cab at 2:30 o'clock on Monday morning.

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BRIEF TELEGRAMS

Premier Giovanni, of Italy, and his newly formed cabinet have taken the oath of office.

Over-subscription of the latest issue for \$400,000,000, was announced by Secretary Houston.

Advices from Tokyo state that the Japanese emperor is still in delicate health and has left for Niznad.

Max Nordau, the noted Zionist leader, will visit the United States on a lecture tour next autumn, it was announced.

A total of 223 degrees, the greatest in its history, was awarded at the 152nd annual commencement at Brown university.

Thirteen buildings, including a garage, destroyed by fire in the business district of Rockland, Me. Damage is estimated at \$600,000.

Toledo has become the third largest city in Ohio, it was announced by the Census Bureau. The population is given as 237,931.

State Senator John J. Walsh of Boston announced yesterday his candidacy for the democratic nomination for governor of Massachusetts.

Former Premier Hoffman of Bavaria, has accepted a post in a school, such containing 200 automobiles were destroyed at Kaiserlautern.

Anti-Saloon League forces will strongly oppose the nomination of Governor James M. Cox, of Ohio, as democratic presidential candidate.

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The Commercial Cable Co. announces that the telegraphic communication with Harbin is interrupted. Messages are mailed from Changchun.

Five hundred thousand pounds of spaghetti will be auctioned at Norfolk, Va., on June 24 by the Army Quartermaster General Department.

An increase in pay amounting to \$600,000 for firemen, policemen and other employees of the city has been recommended by the Chicago Finance Committee.

Although he is not seeking the democratic nomination, John W. Davis, American Ambassador to Great Britain, declared he would not refuse to run.

Reports from Warsaw state that Americans who were in the Kiev region when the Red army was advancing toward the city, have been all escaped.

Bankers have notified Chicago officials that the request for a \$15,000,000 loan will not be granted and that no more money will be loaned to the city at this time.

Profiteers in Hungary will be punished by receiving up to twenty-five strokes on the bare feet with a cane, if a bill introduced in the National Assembly becomes a law.

GOV'T EXPENDITURES FOR 1919-20 \$20,775,535,838

From July 1, 1919, to May 31, 1920—Heaviest Expenditures During the Month of September, \$4,475,937,701—Federal Control of Railroads Was the Largest Single Item of Departmental Expenditure, \$951,224,713.

Washington, June 17.—Governmental expenditures for July 1, 1919, to May 31, 1920, amounted to \$20,775,535,838, according to a statement tonight of the treasury. Expenditures were heaviest during September when \$4,475,937,701 was spent and lightest in November, when \$411,301,764 left the treasury.

Exclusive of \$1,625,947,752 expended by the treasury, \$951,224,713 charged to federal control of railroads and the transportation act of 1920 was the largest single item of departmental expenditure.

The navy department stood third in disbursements for the period with a total of \$723,717,263 and the department of labor last with \$5,044,246. White House expenses were listed as \$4,752,429 and congressional at \$1,544,125. Payments on the public debt amounted to \$1,846,554,374.

Senator Harding Against A "ONE-MAN" CAMPAIGN.
Washington, June 17.—In accord with his announced decision against a "one man" campaign, Senator Harding today conferred with various party leaders and tomorrow will discuss his plans with Harry M. Daugherty, Columbus, Ohio, his pro-convention campaign manager.

At tomorrow's conference a date for holding the formal notification ceremonies at the nominee's home at Marion, Ohio, is expected to be decided. Senator Harding announced his decision to a "one-man" campaign at his daily conference with newspaper men today.

He declared that all republicans faced a choice of either supporting a "one-man" campaign or supporting a "one-man" campaign. A two hour conference with Senator Lodge, republican leader in the senate, and Brandegee of Connecticut, and also a conference of his strength with Senators Moses of New Hampshire; Fall of New Mexico, and Francis of Maryland, all republicans, was held by Senator Harding today. All the conferences pertained, it was understood, to campaign plans.

The conference with Mr. Daugherty is looked upon by Mr. Harding's friends as important as it will be the first between the senator and his campaign manager since the former's return to Washington and also because it is expected to determine details connected with the immediate conduct of the campaign. The senator also expected to decide tomorrow the place where he will go for his vacation and for the numerous conferences with party leaders.

Senator Harding was said to be desirous of fixing without delay the date for the notification in order that arrangements for the ceremonies could be started at once. The nominee's home town, it was explained, is not quite adequately prepared at present for the handling of such an event and in fact, a date sufficient time must be allowed for the installation of telegraph facilities as well as for the making of other arrangements necessary to the handling of the event.

Preparation of the speech of acceptance also is expected to be a subject of discussion at the conference with Mr. Daugherty.

In addition to his conferences with his senatorial colleagues, Senator Harding today received a large number of callers, among whom were William L. Greer, National Republican Committee Chairman, and James K. Mercer of Columbus, Ohio, Ohio legislative historian, and R. E. Starnes, vice president of the Ohio National Bank.

The managers for Senator Johnson of California in his contest for the republican presidential nomination.

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TO MAKE ARRESTS FOR LYNCHINGS IN DULUTH.
Duluth, Minn., June 17.—The first arrests for complicity in the lynching of three negroes who were taken from the Duluth jail by a mob, were made today, according to Warren Greene, county attorney. Arrests will be made on charges of "inciting riot," he said.

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A YEAR OFF PRISON TERM FOR EVERY WOMAN IN WAR.
Philadelphia, June 17.—An excellent record made by Anthony Teleny while serving overseas during the war, saved him from a long prison term for raising \$10 notes to \$50. The prisoner was wounded fourteen times and in imposing sentence Judge Teleny was given a year for each wound. He was given one year in the Federal Prison at Atlanta.

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STREET RAILWAYS HAMPERED BY MUNICIPAL REGULATION

New York, June 17.—Municipal ownership is the "worst possible solution" of the street car transportation problem, John H. Pardee, president of the American Electric Railway association, declared in a statement today. He said the National Electric Credit association here today. From the viewpoint of the public it would be disastrous, he said.

During the last few years, Mr. Pardee declared, the street car industry has been handicapped by municipal regulation, while no share of street maintenance taxes was borne by the automobile carriers. The same regulations should apply both to traction lines and motor buses, he said.

Declaring that in one state 325,000,000 street railway passengers had to pay an extra fare in order that 14,000 passengers might enjoy "jitney" service at a lower rate, Mr. Pardee declared that more latitude must be granted the franchise carriers in respect to service rendered and fares charged, if they were to be saved from the necessity of going out of business.

"W. E. Rice of the Western Electric Company, in a paper on 'Constructive Credit Service,' urged a credit policy that would encourage the industry, with as well as employers. Credit men should make themselves competent to advise customers, he said, and so gain their confidence by showing interest in their welfare."

HEARING ON NEW HAVEN ROAD'S \$16,758,000 DEBENTURE REQUEST.
Hartford, June 17.—The petition of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad company for permission to issue \$16,758,000 of debentures, with a 758,000 for the purpose of retiring debentures of the Providence Securities company was heard today by the public utility commission.

E. G. Buckland and Norman Buckingham represented the railroad company and Lewis Sperry appeared for the Atlantic National Bank, which owns the debentures. The Atlantic Accident and Indemnity company owns a half million of the debentures of the Providence Securities company.

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FISHING STEAMER ON ROCKS OFF FISHERS ISLAND.
Mystic, Conn., June 17.—Information came from the Wilcox Fishery Company here that its fishing steamer E. J. McKee, went on the rocks off the Hook-Moore, Fishers Island, during heavy weather last night. A wrecking light was standing by today and probably will be able to haul the vessel off in better weather. The steamer is of 304 net tonnage.

TEMPORARY STATUS OF ANNE HUTCHINSON UNVEILED.
Boston, June 17.—A temporary status of Anne Hutchinson, leader in the intellectual life of the Massachusetts Bay colony, was unveiled today in the statehouse. The sculptor is Cyrus Dallin of Arlington. Walter Gilman Page, for the state art commission, received the statue from Walter S. Watkins, representing the Anne Hutchinson Fund association. Present plans call for a bronze casting at a later date.

MARTENS' HEARING IS POSTPONED UNTIL JULY 8.
Washington, June 17.—Absence of former Senator Hardwick, counsel for Ludwig C. A. K. Martens, and presentation of a lengthy statement in behalf of the Soviet agent, prevented continuation today of the deportation proceedings against Martens at the department of labor.